

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to veterinary prescription disclosure;
3 creating s. 474.224, F.S.; requiring a veterinarian to
4 inform a client of the right to receive a written
5 prescription or the option to have the prescription
6 filled at the veterinary establishment; specifies
7 certain transmission methods for "written
8 prescriptions"; requires the disclosure to include an
9 acknowledgement signed by the client; requires the
10 acknowledgement to include certain information;
11 prohibiting certain statements, notifications,
12 warnings, or assumptions; requiring posting of certain
13 information; providing requirements therefor;
14 providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 **Section 1. Section 474.224, Florida Statutes, is created**
19 **to read:**

20 474.224 Veterinary prescription disclosure.—

21 (1) (a) Before dispensing a prescription medication, a
22 licensed veterinarian or an authorized member of the veterinary
23 staff must clearly inform a client of:

24 1. The client's right to receive a written prescription
25 for the medication that can be filled at the pharmacy of the
26 client's choice.

27 2. If the veterinary establishment is able to fill the
28 prescription, the option to have the prescription filled at the
29 veterinary establishment.

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31 For purposes of this chapter, "written prescription" may include
32 paper prescriptions via manual transmission or electronic
33 prescriptions via direct transmission to a pharmacy.

34 (b) Each disclosure required under this subsection shall
35 be made:

36 1. Verbally, if the consultation with the client is in
37 person; or

38 2. Electronically, if the consultation with the client is
39 through veterinary telehealth.

40 (c) The option chosen by the client under paragraph (a)
41 must be documented by the veterinarian or an authorized member
42 of the veterinary staff with a one-time acknowledgement that is
43 signed by the client and that states that the client is aware of
44 the options in paragraph (a).

45 1. The acknowledgement must be in substantially the
46 following form:

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48 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ABILITY TO

RECEIVE WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION

"I, (name of client), understand the veterinary client's right to receive a written prescription for the medication that can be filled by the pharmacy of my choice or my veterinarian, as provided in s. 474.224, Florida Statutes."

Signature: (signature of applicant) Date:
(date)

2. An acknowledgment signed by a client under this section shall be documented in the patient's medical record.

3. An acknowledgement under this section may not make a statement, notification, warning, or assumption regarding the efficacy or safety of filling prescriptions through an outside pharmacy.

(d) A veterinary establishment shall post a clear and conspicuous sign near the point of sale or where checkout occurs which substantially states the following:

"FLORIDA LAW GIVES THE VETERINARY CLIENT THE OPTION TO:

1. RECEIVE A WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICATION THAT CAN BE FILLED AT THE PHARMACY OF YOUR CHOICE; OR

2. HAVE YOUR PRESCRIPTION FILLED AT THE VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT, IF THE VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT IS ABLE TO FILL THE PRESCRIPTION."

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75 (2) This section does not apply if:

76 (a) Immediate dispensing of medication is necessary to
77 preserve life or prevent suffering; or

78 (b) The prescription is for a controlled substance, the
79 dispensing of which is restricted by federal or state law.

80 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.